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WAR & PEACE

McCarthy rules Washington —with Ike's silent OK?

WITH the Eisenhower regime a month old, know-nothing McCarthyism was already becoming dominant in Washington. Following his attack on the Voice of America, in line with campaign pledges to "call them as I see them no matter who is President," Sen. Joseph McCarthy was kept busy accepting unconditional surrender from top officials.

Dulles' State Dept.—hastily, before any responsible Voice official could be heard—stopped construction on two radio stations where McCarthy had charged "sabotage;" ordered employes to cooperate with the Senator or else (giving access to files and personnel denied by Truman); suspended—and reinstated only after a "dressing down"—a Voice official who protested the McCarthy-sponsored ban on use of "communist" or "controversial" material; extended the ban to its overseas libraries and to U.S. publishers selling books abroad. (In a pleading letter to the N.Y. **Herald Tribune,** 2/25, former Asst. Secy. of State Edward Barrett recalled that it had always previously been "a cardinal principle of propaganda . . . to quote the opposition against itself.")

YOU'RE WELCOME: Secy. Dulles "welcomed" Congressional inquiries that would make his dept. "more competent, loyal and secure." He echoed McCarthy word for word in finding dept. morale "at an all-time high" (the N. Y. **Times,** 2/28, mentioned one official as "engaged in an intense effort to fade into the wallpaper") and low only among those who "have something to fear."

Asked by newsmen if McCarthy's investigation was helping the Voice, Eisenhower said he couldn't answer without more information, opposed interference with Congress' "broad" investigation powers. "A good sensible answer," was the comment by McCarthy, who banked $172,000 in three years on an annual $12,500 paycheck and

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DRIVE TO THE YALU, SAYS SYNGMAN RHEE

Did he ask these South Korean citizens, two of the millions who have been made homeless and desolate by the most senseless war in history? The suffering is not confined to the civilians For news of the S. Korean soldiers, see WAR & PEACE.

Can they kill the Salt of the Earth?

WHEN Local 890, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, went on a year-long strike in Bayard, N. M. in Oct., 1950, for pay scales and conditions normal in most other areas, the GUARDIAN broke the national press blackout on the issues and on the violence, tear-gas, shootings, mass arrests, scabbing, jailings etc. used to break the strike. Almost all the men were in jail at one point; their womenfolk took over the picket lines; the strike was won, but every kind of harassment of the union has continued ever since.

The blackout, too, continues. A new attempt to break it was started recently by a group of film-makers barred by political nonconformism from working in Hollywood, including director Herbert Biberman, writers Paul Jarrico and Michael Wilson (who described the strike in the GUARDIAN in 1952). Under Mine, Mill auspices they began production of a movie, **Salt of the Earth,** based on the epic of the strike and especially the women's role.

MEXICO HITS BACK: Efforts to starve out noncomformists by allowing them neither to work at home nor accept offers abroad were concentrated on the independent film-makers. Hollywood's AFL Film Council, California's GOP Rep. Donald Jackson and the press services blasted the movie as "propaganda by a bunch of communists." Elaborate campaigns were begun to prevent the film from being shown. Last week Mexican actress Rosaura Revueltas, who plays the lead in it, was arrested on illegal-entry charges.

(Last month, as the author of the screen play **Five Fingers,** Michael Wilson was nominated by the Screen Writers Guild for a SWG award for best-written movies of 1952. Another nominee was Carl Foreman for his cript of **High Noon;** Foreman, like Wilson, is blacklisted because he would not answer unconstitutional questions before the Un-American Activities Committee in 1951.)

Drawing by Fred Wright

"I refuse to let you testify on the grounds that it might incriminate me."

Held by immigration officials in El Paso, Tex., Miss Revueltas learned by phone from Mexico City that its Natl. Assn. of Actors had countered the U. S. move by banning all U. S. actors now working in Mexico, including Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Mitchum and Linda Darnell. Miss Revueltas' fight against deportation was taken up by Los Angeles attorney Ben Margolis.

PEKING BROADCAST SAYS

U.S. officers admit germ war

PEKING radio broadcast last week statements by two high-ranking U. S. POW's—Maj. Roy H. Bley, First Marine Air Wing ordnance officer, and Col. Frank H. Schwable, the Wing's chief of staff—detailing the use of bacteriological warfare in Korea. The many names and dates mentioned were ignored by U. S. newspapers, which quoted Gen. Mark Clark as calling the statements "fantastic and utterly false" and reaffirming "with utmost emphasis" his forces never used b.w.

COL. FRANK H. SCHWABLE
Where the orders came from

WHO TOLD WHOM WHAT: Highlights of what Bley and Schwable said—available only in the London **Daily Worker** (2/23)—were:

- The directive to launch b. w. on an experimental basis came from the U.S. Chiefs of Staff to Gen. Ridgway by courier in Oct., 1951. It was transmitted to Far East Air Force commdr. Gen. Weyland, and in turn to Fifth Air Force commdr. Gen. Everest, First Wing commdr. Gen. Schilt and the commdr. of the 19th Air Wing in Okinawa. B-29's and, soon after, B-29's began using b.w. in Korea in Nov., 1951; new orders to intensify it were issued last May.
- Schwable discussed the operation (whose code name was "Suprop") with asst. First Marine Air Wing commdr. Gen. Lamson-Scribner and former chief of staff Col. Arthur A. Binney. Groups ordered to drop germ bombs had included Marine Night Fighter Squadron 513 (based at K-8 Air Force base, Kusan), the Third Bomb Wing and Marine Squadron VMJ-1 (based at K-3, Puhang).
- The May directive for extending operations by laying a "contamination belt" across Korea was given personally by Fifth Air Force Gen. Barcus to First Marine Air Wing commdr. Gen. Jerome, who outlined it May 25 to Schwable, intelligence officer Col. Stage, operations officer Col. Wendt and logistics officer Col. Clark.
- Aircraft engaged were Cutlasses, which were given "normal interdiction missions" to perform after dropping germ bombs on Kunuri or Sinanju; they reported the special missions by adding "via Sinanju" or "via Kunuri" to their reports.
- Squadron 513 started "contamination belt" operations in early June, averaging five aircraft nightly with cholera bombs. Then Sky Raiders and Corsairs from Group 12 flew daylight germ missions. Group 33 was not scheduled for b.w. missions while Schwable was with the Wing.

"EVERY OFFICER ASHAMED": Schwable said inner security was the top problem of b. w. operations; the words "bacteria" or "germ", and all talk about the subject, were banned; bombs were called "suprop" bombs. They were dropped along with ordinary bombs or napalm to give the appearance of normal attack.

Asked by **Daily Worker** reporter Allan Winnington why he had made the disclosures, Schwable said:

"Every officer when first informed that the U. S. is using b. w. in Korea is both shocked and ashamed. . . . [When they learn] that their own government has so completely deceived them by still proclaiming to the world that it is not using b. w., [it] makes them question mentally all the other things that the government proclaims about warfare in general and Korea specifically."

Denouncing b. w. as without any place in war since it aims only at casualties among civilians, Schwable added:

"Tactically it is totally unwarranted. . . . Administratively and logistically as planned for use it is hopeless, and from the point of view of self-respect and loyalty it is shameful."

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THE MAIL BAG

Rosenberg Case in Sweden

BROMMA, SWEDEN

Enclosed my article on the Rosenberg Case, printed in the Stockholm daily Ny Dag and seven other Swedish dailies. In this month's issue of the Clarte, the progressive magazine, there will be a complete translation of the pamphlet by D. N. Pritt. The whole Swedish press has published—as far as I know without comment — the demarche by the Vatican in favor of the Rosenbergs.

There has seldom been such a campaign for individual personalities in this country as now for the Rosenbergs. Many of the biggest trade unions (bricklayers and electricians in Stockholm) have already wired their unanimous protests to President Eisenhower. Delegations from trade unions and women's organizations have protested to the U. S. Embassy here. Mass meetings will be held.

John Takman, M. D.

In Germany too

HAMBURG, GERMANY

Enclosed find two pictures showing citizens of Hamburg protesting against the planned murder of the Rosenbergs. These are two of the many demonstrations that have taken place since President Eisenhower denied clemency. During the Nazi period in Germany the victims of fascism won the sympathy of the American people, and I can assure you that this time the justice-loving people of Germany are showing their solidarity and form part of the world-wide struggle to save the Rosenbergs.

Kurt Wittenberg

N. Y. to South Bend

SOUTH BEND, IND.

The usual routine is for the publisher to urge its readers to patronize the advertisers of the paper . As a regular reader of the GUARDIAN, and also an amateur movie fan, I want to inform other readers of the GUARDIAN that I took the advice of the editors and patronized the City Camera Exchange of New York City, a regular GUARDIAN advertiser. Not only did I save money by receiving substantial discounts but the management has always treated me with complete honesty, courtesy and cordiality. My experience proves that the advertisers, like the Editors of the GUARDIAN, are trustworthy and worthy of our wholehearted support.

Maurice M. Tulchinsky

Couldn't say it better

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

I note amid the many expressions of gratitude and admiration which appear regularly in the readers' letters, an occasional reproach for being "too rigidly pro-Communist" and for "whitewashing the trials in Eastern Europe." I think it's high time this issue got some airing.

An understanding of the nature and objectives of the GUARDIAN is essential: The GUARDIAN arose during the Progressive Party's national campaign of 1948 as a response to the dangerous drift towards war and repression. With the exception of a handful of newspapers and publications, the press, the airways, and every single avenue of mass communication has daily and without letup spearheaded the war drive. The GUARDIAN's mission is to try to counteract that malignant influence by offering news that is judiciously omitted or distorted in the daily press; by presenting the real motives behind the arms program; by showing the lies, contradictions, and criminal callousness of the self-righteous "patriots" who make foreign policy.

If war is to be averted, it will be only because enough people are made aware of the situation as it is To this end, the GUARDIAN is serving a great and vital function. A paper which called the attention of the world to the frame-up of the Trenton Six and the sleazy and vengeful case against the Rosenbergs is not a paper that would turn its back on official anti-Semitism anywhere if such were the case.

Any ammunition that the reactionary press can fire at the Soviet Union and the socialist world will be eagerly used. Now it's anti-Semitism. This has been charged before but in a calmer atmosphere has fallen flat. With fear and hysteria running wild, it is hoped that the charges will be credible. Just another tactic to divert attention from our domestic reaction.

Me, I'm sticking with the GUARDIAN. Here's my buck-of-the-month.

S. W.

How crazy can you get dept.

"Faith, hope and charity, and the greatest of these is charity." . . . Charity is not just the doing of good deeds and the giving of alms, but also there must be love, understanding and compassion for one's fellow man.

". . . This is an appeal to every member of our society, regardless of race, creed, or color. . . . Let us of this profession be imbued with a deep sense of charity and love to all those who suffer and call upon us. Then and only then can we destroy forever the two dragons of socialized medicine and communism."

—Article in Jackson Co. Medical Soc. Bulletin, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24, placed in Congressional Record Jan. 29 by Rep. Richard Bolling.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Don Rose, Mission, Kansas.

Wall Street Journal

Secretary of Peace?

HADDON, KAN.

Why don't we have a Secretary of Peace? Surely any nation should be more interested in Peace than War if they'd wake up and realize they are fighting to uphold a crumbling way of life. Men like Stanley Sydow are a symbol of the new man who refuses to join in mass murder of his fellow men.

Ruby G. Heck

Perverted pages?

NEW YORK, N. Y.

What earthly excuse can you give for accepting a [lecture] ad from the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party? The Trotskyites for the last 30 years have supplied the imperialists with the ideological ammunition for war against the Soviet Union under their slogan "Thermidor Internal Revolution."

If your excuse is that you are a "liberal paper," then take the case of the N. Y. Daily Compass, which allowed all sorts of counter-revolutionists to pervert its pages.

Samuel Balmer

The weakest link

DES MOINES, IOWA

Thought you would be interested in our news bulletin (Iowa Progressive, 1108 3rd St., Des Moines). The situation of the farmer — caught between rising prices for what he must buy, and falling prices for what he sells — is the weakest link in the American economy today, and farmers are fighting back. The Iowa Farmers Union and its wonderful, solid-as-a-rock President Fred Stover will soon win the place it so richly deserves in the leadership of the nation's small farmers.

Marge Frantz

Next week's issue

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REPORT TO READERS

California was wonderful — we mean the people

THE Germans have a word for it: *Zusammenarbeit*. Translated literally it means "together-work." Rendered into English a little less literally it says: "co-operation," a basic law of human behavior that is little understood and even less practiced in our country in our time. But there are important exceptions. Criss-crossing through the country is an old-fashioned breed of Americans who adhere to this basic law, who believe that life is to be lived together with other people, and that it should be lived in peace and dignity—and let Joe McCarthy and John Dulles go peddle their mess of stinking fish someplace else.

I've just come back from visiting with these people—most of whom, by a not-so-rare coincidence, read the GUARDIAN—and I am immeasurably refreshed by the experience. For almost three weeks I visited and spoke with friends of the GUARDIAN in Southern California, in the San Francisco-Oakland area, and in Chicago.

Sometimes it was in the morning to one or two people who had an idea. Sometimes it was for lunch with a dozen people, all of them with problems and chores of their own organizations, but who put aside these problems to talk about how they could help build a bigger and better GUARDIAN. Sometimes it was in the evening to 50 or 500 people, who had gathered to have supper, or an evening's entertainment, and to hear someone from "home," 3,000 miles away, tell about their paper and the people who put it out.

ABOUT TIBA WILLNER

Our Southern California representative for subscriptions, advertising, and ways and means of raising money for the paper (meetings, house-parties, etc.) is TIBA G. WILLNER, 949 Schumacher Drive, Los Angeles 48, Calif. All Southern Californians are invited to get in touch with her with ideas. She'll help you plan your GUARDIAN event in your neighborhood. More about Mrs. Willner later.

EVERYWHERE they asked questions: What is the circulation and where is it biggest; what is the best way to get more subs; how do we get those quotes from the foreign papers and those sassy cartoons; what about the charges of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe; did it look like war with China; how was the progressive movement in the East, in the Midwest; did the people abroad know about the GUARDIAN?

Alive and alert, with unflagging optimism, they wanted information and more information, facts, figures to fight with, to win new friends. And everywhere was this feeling at the core: a love for the GUARDIAN and an understanding that a live and healthy GUARDIAN would make their own job that much more easy to do. That was one thing I rarely had to say.

THE purpose of the trip was mainly to raise money and to set up groups for continuing work for the GUARDIAN. People gave as generously as they could and the staff and the printer were grateful. A permanent representative was engaged and is already on the job in Southern California. Good beginnings were made in the San Francisco area and in Chicago. There will be more news about these areas and others in this space very soon.

To all the wonderful friends of the GUARDIAN who gave their money, time, homes and cars to make the trip a success, our heartfelt thanks. For the comradeship of co-operation I would offer thanks again. But I remember what a lovely woman who has lived twice my age said to me in California:

"Don't thank me. Let's thank ourselves that we've got enough sense to know that what we're doing is right—and that we're sticking together to do it."

JAMES ARONSON

P. S.: The No. 1 "together-work" job is still the monthly pledges—the life-blood of the paper. Have you sent yours in? Have you asked the GUARDIAN readers in your neighborhood if they have sent **theirs** in? The handy form is in the lower left-hand corner of this page. Fill it in, clip it out and send it on.

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M. Lutzker

CORRECTION

The photo on p. 4 of last week's GUARDIAN should have been credited to Joe Balcombe.

Joe McCarthy runs the Washington show

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whose financial manipulations are the subject of a blistering, now politely buried, Senate report.

"EAGER TO SURRENDER": While the President worked at his golf stroke, the GOP's rampaging right wing launched an attack on Senate Majority Leader Robert Taft, who had the temerity to say mildly he thought a Communist teacher, if competent and not propagandizing, should not be fired.

Chicago Sun-Times

"Do you deny teaching there is a world revolution every 24 hours?"

Sen. William Jenner (R-Ind.), hitherto Taft's slavish follower, called him "rather naive." Taft, who usually gives critics short shrift, was placatory.

Washington columnists professed amazement at the Administration's "tolerance" and "acquiescence" in the McCarthy rampage, marveled that it was "almost eager to surrender" (Marquis Childs, 2/25). Whether McCarthyism might not be essential to put over Administration war policies at home—the domestic counterpart of "liberation"—was a question not discussed.

Ike's promises become "ashes of the dead past"

These policies became clearer as the President at his second press conference officially relegated his campaign promises to "the ashes of the dead past" (Arthur Krock, **NYT,** 2/27):

● **Repudiation of Yalta and Potsdam "secret understandings."** The President, who confessed last summer he hadn't read the Yalta agreement and didn't know its terms, apparently did so only after delivering his State of the Union message calling for repudiation of "secret understandings." Faced with the fact that there were none, the White House sought to persuade disappointed GOP Congressmen to forget "the dead past," face the future, be content to indict the U.S.S.R. for alleged misinterpretations of the wartime accords.

(Arthur Schlesinger Jr., campaign writer for Stevenson, called "almost incredible" the ignorance of fact displayed by "grown men reputed to be experts on foreign affairs"—N. Y. **Post,** 3/1. Walter Lippmann, 2/24, found the proposed White House resolution devoid of "any declaration, even any intimation of a policy. Because it is so empty it will arouse disappointment that nothing is to be done and fear that foolish things are to be done.")

● **Balanced budget and tax cuts.** In a series of secret appearances before Congressional committees, Secys. Dulles, Wilson, Humphrey and Budget Director Dodge insisted "world conditions" would not permit any reduction in military appropriations, federal spending could not be cut. The **Wall St. Journal** (2/26) and **Business Week** (2/28) said foreign aid spending will go up, not down.

● **Ending the Korean War.** Mail still poured into the White House demanding fulfillment of this pledge; the Administration continued to move toward the war's extension, called top military and Congressional leaders to hear retiring Gen. Van Fleet tell how "an all-out offensive in Korea now would almost certainly succeed." The Mutual Security Agency tightened the embargo on China's trade as Britain's Eden revealed in Parliament that British ships had been attacked by Chiang's Navy at least 18 times in the past 18 months. (London's **Observer** said British shippers had no intention of suspending sailings to China, British warships would patrol Formosa Straits if Chiang tried a blockade.)

While S. Korea's government celebrated "Independence Day" around the theme of a "March to the Yalu," **Newsweek** (3/2) said Eisenhower's

> . . . touted S. Korean rearmament program may collapse unless something is done soon to get the ROK's more to eat. . . . Malnutrition and TB are hospitalizing trained ROK's at a truly alarming rate.

Stalin hopes Ike is "more realistic"

TO renewed hints from Moscow that it would cooperate in finding a Korean settlement and favored talks with the new President, the Administration remained aloof. In Moscow India's Dr. Saiffudin Kitchlew, a delegate to last year's Peking Peace Conference, talked for an hour with Stalin and described his views to **NYT's** Harrison Salisbury (2/25). Stalin reportedly felt Eisenhower, as a military man, might be more realistic than Truman about world problems, but that the group of capitalists surrounding him, primarily interested in war profits, would make settlement difficult. The U.S.S.R. does not want war, cannot afford it since it would jeopardize what has been built up in 35 years, Stalin said.

In reply to a press question prompted by this report, Eisenhower said he would go to any reasonable place to meet Stalin if he thought it would do any good for world peace, was in accord with the American people's wishes and agreement could be "self-enforcing."

"IMPOSSIBLE OR FUTILE": Dulles called such a meeting "entirely in the realm of conjecture." James Reston (**NYT,** 2/26) disclosed that when Stalin's answers to his four questions were under study last December, the President

> . . . sent to Mr. Dulles a proposed public statement that was somewhat more sympathetic to the possibility of a Stalin meeting than the statement Dulles eventually put out.

UP reported from Moscow that foreign observers believed "the Russians would welcome President Eisenhower's willingness to discuss face to face with Stalin," and guessed the meeting-place would be Berlin. But Walter Millis (**NYHT,** 3/2) said Eisenhower "had already established the conditions which would render such a meeting impossible or futile": the Eisenhower policy, "aimed ultimately at nothing less than the break-up of the Soviet Empire," negotiation out of the question.

U.S. waves big stick at UN's opening

UN Assembly sessions were resumed with more heated speeches about Korea, and North Korea and China still barred from participation. U. S. delegation chief Henry C. Lodge set the tone for the new Administration when, contrary to normal diplomatic courtesy, he refused to shake hands with Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky.

Lodge led off by challenging Vishinsky to answer a 10-point indictment of the U.S.S.R. for "instigating and prolonging" the Korean War; then angered even non-socialist delegates by threatening a closure move because Vishinsky—who accepted the challenge—did not show up the very next day to answer it. One delegate remarked:

> "This is a 60-nation body. Who does he think he is to dictate when the Foreign Minister of a soverign nation shall speak?"

SHOOTING FIRST: Lodge's statement that the U. S. would seek no action on Korea at this session indicated the intention to bypass UN while the much-talked-about "increased military pressure" was applied. One reason for the decision was evident in the voting on Vishinsky's proposal to invite a N. Korean representative to participate in the debate. It lost 35 to 16 with 6 abstentions (last Oct. the vote was 38 to 11, 8 abstentions); most Arab-Asian nations voted for; Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, Israel, Lebanon abstained.

If military measures didn't work, the Administration, said the N. Y. **Post** (2/25), "will then be ready with some really tough proposals for the Assembly" next September. Lodge's speech—the most formal U.S. accusation in UN that Moscow started the war—was, said David Lawrence, (N.Y. **Herald Tribune** 2/27), "the result of high-level conferences" in Washington, designed to lay foundations "for a challenge to Soviet Russia in which the free world must take sides" and for its expulsion from UN if it did not withdraw military support from China and N. Korea.

Drawing by Dyad, London

"Once upon a time people thought the war in Korea was something to do with the 38th Parallel."

UN Secy. Gen. Trygve Lie, acting as if he were an Eisenhower appointee, "authorized" UN's non-American emloyes to submit to FBI interviews and give the FBI information about Americans in upper UN Secretariat levels. Lie had previously, in violation of UN's charter, allowed his U.S. employes to be fingerprinted on UN grounds. India was reported planning to bring up in the Assembly the whole issue of Lie's policy toward the UN staff.

How arrogant can you get?

On Town Meeting of the Air (2/24) Rep. Kirsten (R-Wis.) was asked, in a debate on UN: "Can international agreements be reached more effectively through the traditional method of secret diplomacy or through public debate in UN?"

Kirsten replied: "The best method is through public debate in the United States Senate."

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THE ROSENBERG CASE

Winchell-Lyons anti-Semitic smear is nailed by Sing Sing rabbi

THE campaign for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg reached a new peak of intensity last week—as did the campaign of slander against the Rosenbergs by the prosecution's journalistic hatchetmen.

Late in February syndicated columnists Leonard Lyons and Walter Winchell carried items (which Winchell repeated on his radio and TV program) that the Rosenbergs had refused the services of the Sing Sing rabbi; had vilified rabbis as "tools of the capitalist class" and "bearded politicians"; had refused to discuss execution arrangements with U. S. Marshal Carroll when he came to see them.

Last week from Sing Sing Rosenberg sent the following telegram to defense counsel Emanuel Bloch:

LYONS AND WINCHELL ITEMS FABRICATIONS MADE OUT OF THE WHOLE CLOTH. NEVER REFUSED SERVICES OF RABBI NOR SAW CARROLL ON ARRANGEMENTS EXECUTION. NEVER MADE THESE TWO OR ANY STATEMENTS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ABOUT RABBIS THAT SHOWED ANTI-SEMITISM.

RABBI'S DENIAL: Irving Koslowe, Sing Sing chaplain, told Bloch:

"Julius Rosenberg has always been most respectful not only to me but to all other clergymen of all denominations. Both Ethel and Julius Rosenberg have regularly attended Jewish services."

In a letter to his lawyer Rosenberg amplified:

U. S. Marshal William Carroll did not come to Sing Sing or, if he did come, he did not see me. . . . Nothing short of a complete retraction would give me any degree of satisfaction. . . . At first I thought the items were an isolated case. Now I am sure it is the latest twist in the campaign against us. However, it still retains the singular features of fraud that have characterized the entire legal and public case.

FRENCH PLEA WITHHELD? Another "Vatican incident" also came to light last week. In Paris Grand Rabbi Kaplan of France confirmed that the Office of the Grand Rabbinate had sent a "request for mercy" to President Eisenhower in January. This had been sent with a similar plea by the Assn. of French Rabbis for clemency "in the name of our common ideal of justice and mercy." No acknowledgment of the appeal had been received.

On Feb. 24 a delegation from the Natl. Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case called at the Justice Dept. to ask if the petition had been received. They were told by Kenneth Harvey, Asst. Pardons Attorney, that it would "take too long" to find out. Joseph Brainin, Committee head, said:

"The Justice Dept.'s evasive reply, following on the heels of the admission that the Pope's message was not shown to either President Truman or President Eisenhower, must raise serious questions as to whether or not there has been a deliberate plot by high-placed officials to conceal the facts from the President's attention. . . . It is time for a full-scale investigation. . . ."

IN FRANCE: In Paris also the executive committee of the League for the Rights of Man, "shocked" by the President's rejection of the clemency petition, addressed a "final plea" to him to reconsider. These other things happened in France:

The entire transcript of the trial has been translated and distributed in the thousands. The Rosenbergs' appeal for clemency to the President has been issued in French in pamphlet form by the Intl. Assn. of Democratic Jurists. On Natl. Rosenberg Day in France (Jan. 13) more than 100 delegations visited the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

The conservative Paris **Le Monde** wrote editorially:

We want to hope that he [Eisenhower] will hear the prayer of a section of world opinion which—especially since the Vatican intervention—has continually grown, and that he will put an end by a humane decision to the interminable anguish of the Rosenbergs.

IN ENGLAND: Four Members of Parliament have urged clemency. The London Trades Council is taking part in the fight. Shop stewards at the Rolls-Royce factory in Hillington agreed to circulate clemency petitions. The Twickenham and Woodford Trades Councils sent a plea to Eisenhower. A Rosenberg Committee was set up at Cambridge; at Oxford more than 100 students signed a clemency petition.

A police order limiting Rosenberg picketing before the U.S. Embassy in London's Grosvenor Sq. brought immediate protests and defiance of the order. In and around the square, which has become an American compound, police stood in doorways, gathered in open areas, parked their vans in side streets, dotted the square itself.

NEW YORK DINNER: In New York it was announced that Sidney Silverman, Labor MP, had accepted an invitation to speak at a dinner in the city March 18 at the Hotel Capitol ($25 a plate). The dinner is sponsored, among others, by Mary Church Terrell, a founder of NAACP; Dr. Bernard Loomer, Dean of the Chicago U. Divinity School; Rabbi Abraham Cronbach of Cincinnati; Waldo Frank, author; Prof. Arthur K. Davis, chairman of the sociology dept, Union College.

Patrick Gorman, secy.-treas. of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters, headed a list of 25 trade union leaders from all over the U.S. who urged clemency. Simon Farber, editor of the Jewish Edition of **Justice**, publication of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union, announced his opposition to the death sentence.

In Philadelphia 100 delegates participated in a work session of the Philadelphia Rosenberg Committee (Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.) to plan an intensive March campaign. Delegates urged that clergymen of all faiths be asked to arrange a public prayer meeting. In New York, Rev. Dr. Ralph Walker of the Madison Av. Baptist Church called for prayers to guide the Supreme Court "in equity . . . justice and mercy." He told his congregation that he had spoken with "at least 100 persons in the last five or six days" about the Rosenberg trial. He added:

"In very few cases did anybody have clear replies, all were perplexed and most all were instantly interested."

On Feb. 27 the N. Y. **Times** caried this one inch story:

Sobell Goes to Alcatraz

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Morton Sobell, convicted as an atomic spy with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, has been transferred to Alcatraz to serve his 30-year sentence.

Sobell has been in Alcatraz since the end of November.

Hunger and racketeers

Returning from a U. S. tour, British MP Harold Wilson reported last month he had found a growing "system of fear," with "racketeers running ostensibly anti-Communist organizations which always have to find a scalp—liberal, progressive or pacifist.

"A lot of people in America think all the world's problems can be explained in terms of communism," he said. "They are wrong. The real trouble is that millions of people face stark hunger, wondering whether their families are going to get enough to eat."

THEY BROUGHT A VALENTINE FOR MOTHER
Michael, 9, and Robbie, 5, wait in a car after visiting Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

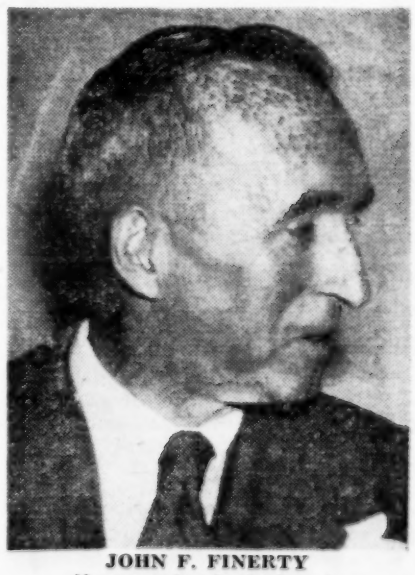
For the Rosenberg defense — the man who spoke for Mooney

FOR the first time since the Rosenberg Case began, defense attorney Emanuel Bloch now has an associate counsel to help carry the burden he has borne alone for more than two years. Joining him in argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals on Feb. 17 was John F. Finerty, 62, one of the country's top railroad and industrial lawyers.

Born in Chicago and educated at Northwestern University, Finerty became attorney for several railroads in 1908. From 1912 to 1920 he was asst. gen. counsel for the Great Northern Railway Co.; in 1918 he appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court as counsel representing every transcontinental railroad in the country. From 1920 to 1925 he was asst. gen. counsel for the U.S. Railroad Administration in Washington, and for the next two years special counsel for that body before the Supreme Court.

He entered private practice in 1925, has since represented railroads and large industrial and shipping interests. From 1922 to 1927 he was counsel for Eamon de Valera, then president of Sinn Fein and later head of the Eire government, in an Irish Republican bond litigation.

HISTORIC CASES: From time to time throughout his career Finerty, without fee, has associated himself with civil rights cases; he is on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Workers Defense League. He appeared for Tom Mooney before both the California State Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mooney, falsely charged with causing a fatal explosion during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco in 1916, was originally sentenced to death but won a full pardon in 1939.



JOHN F. FINERTY
He saw what he had to do

Finerty was also associated in the famed case of Sacco and Vanzetti, radicals who were electrocuted in Massachusetts in 1927 on a framed charge of murder. In an 11th-hour effort, Finerty drafted and argued the last habeas corpus writ in the case on the night of the execution.

In 1941 and 1942 he appeared before both the Supreme Court of Virginia and the U.S. Supreme Court in behalf of Odell Waller, a Negro sharecropper executed in 1942 on a charge of shooting a white landlord.

CONVINCED OF PERJURY: In 1937 Finerty served as counsel for the Intl. Commission set up by supporters of Leon Trotzky to investigate the Moscow trials of that year. A year earlier he had acted as counsel in an action to put the names of the Communist Party's Presidential candidates on the ballot in Illinois.

Upon becoming associate counsel in the Rosenberg Case, Finerty described himself to reporters as "probably the greatest anti-Communist lawyer in the U.S." He said he entered the case because he is convinced the Rosenbergs were convicted on perjured testimony, and so argued in an affidavit to the court.

Among other things, Finerty is Master of the Fox Hounds Assn.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH ISRAEL'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE

Anti-Semitism in East Europe? Moshe Sneh replies

By Ursula Wassermann

TEL AVIV

MOST talked-about personality in Israel today is Moshe Sneh, who with his Left Socialist adherents was recently expelled from Mapam (United Workers Party) as the struggle for "the soul of Mapam" reached its peak in the storm over "anti-Semitism" in socialist countries.

Regarded by friends and foes as Israel's most brilliant orator, 44-year-old, Polish-born Dr. Sneh looks back on decades crowded with political drama in the Jewish liberation movement. As a youngster he was a leading figure in progressive circles of the General Zionist movement in Poland. He is a physician by training, a politician by circumstances, a statesman by stature. He was a World Zionist Council member 1935-45; Jewish Agency's Exec. member 1945-47; C-in-C of the Haganah 1940-46, and very active in the Jewish Resistance 1945-47. After the UN resolution of Nov. 29, 1947, on partitioning of Palestine he resigned from all Zionist bodies, underlining his protest against Zionism's increasingly Anglo-American orientation.

NO SUDDEN STORM: In Mapam, of which he was a founder and a leading molder of policy, he had for some time been regarded as undisputed leader of the party's left wing. The expulsion of his group—now an independent group both in and out of parliament and about to hold a party convention—over the Prague Trial issue was no sudden phenomenon happening in a vacuum, he told me in an exclusive interview for the GUARDIAN. Four vital, controversial issues, some of them long in the making, made the final break inevitable. Of the Prague storm he said:

"We deny the existence of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and People's Democracies both in theory and in practice. Anti-Semitism as an expression of race discrimination is used by capitalism to divert the working class' attention from its true enemies. Like any other form of chauvinism and racism, it is a contradiction in terms of the socialist society, and a greater danger to the Soviet Union and its allies than even to the Jews themselves. Moreover, only in socialist countries is anti-Semitism a punishable crime."

THE NEW DANGER: He pointed out that twice in recent history the Jewish people had been exposed to extermination by mass-slaughter. The first time was in the Ukraine and Byelorussia in 1918-21, when pogroms were organized by Denikin, Petlura and other enemies of the October Revolution; it was the Red Army which in saving the revolution saved millions of Russian Jews. The second time was under Hitler who, simultaneously with his attack on the U.S.S.R., destroyed six million Jewish

MOSHE SNEH
Israel in turmoil

lives. Again it was the Red Army that saved the remnants of Central and E. European Jewry. Dr. Sneh went on:

"Today a new and mortal danger faces the Jewish people—a third world war. Again the instigators of this war are the enemies of the Soviet Union which stands today, as before, as the defender of peace. The defense of the Jewish people's true interests is inevitably linked with the fight for peace, democracy and socialism."

WHERE WORKERS MUST STAND: "How do you explain the attacks on Jews in the Prague trial?" I asked him. He answered:

"The attacks were directed against the Jewish bourgeoisie and Jewish reactionary forces, not against the Jewish people or the Israeli nation. The bourgeoisie is always anxious to identify its own class interest with the national interests—but surely it is up to the working class to maintain ties of international solidarity with the socialist countries and the progressive movement in non-socialist countries. This is the crucial point on which I differ with the present Mapam leadership; they have identified themselves with the interests of the national bourgeoisie rather than the international socialist movement."

On Moscow's charges against doctors:

"No Soviet source—and I read their press daily—has mentioned the Jewish origin of some of the accused. Before anyone charges anti-Semitism, they should remember that at the very time of the accusations there was only one Soviet citizen considered worthy of the Stalin Peace Prize—and he is a Soviet writer of Jewish origin."

OLD DIFFERENCES: Aside from the Prague issue there were other deep-rooted, long-standing controversies which led to the present clash:

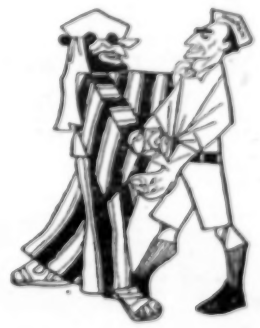
"Our section within Mapam has long demanded that the party secede from the Zionist Executive and the World Jewish Congress, whose leadership is driving the Jewish people into total identification with the Atlantic powers. The reparations agreement with W. Germany—a sort of shotgun wedding under U.S. pressure—is an example. How can a true socialist party remain affiliated with organizations sponsoring such policies? If Mapam does so, it is for entirely opportunistic reasons."

The status of Arabs—whom the Left has from the start asked to be admitted as full party members—is another important difference between the Sneh and other Mapam groups:

"A socialist party cannot make differences between one worker and another on the basis of nationality, race or religion. Mapam two years ago adopted a compromise resolution to transform the party gradually into a territorial party—but right-wing opposition has left this resolution unimplemented. It is no accident that Mapam's separate Arab section has joined the leftwing. In our new group the principle of membership by nationality has been discarded. We have no Arab or Jewish members—only socialist members."

UNITED FRONT: I asked Dr. Sneh what was his group's attitude toward the Communist Party. He said:

"There are differences based on historical development and on a



different approach to the problem of territorial concentration of the Jewish people in Israel. But the decisive contradiction in our time is the contradiction of imperialism versus socialism, reaction versus democracy, war versus peace. In this basic struggle we are on one side with the CP. Our differences cannot prevent the establishment of a united front which will fight against Israel's subjugation to U.S. imperialism, for peace and national independence; defend our civil liberties and struggle against the lowering of living standards of the vast majority of our people."

As I rose to leave, we said "Shalom." Dr. Sneh shook his head:

"'Shalom'—we all say it a hundred times each day, but how many of us remember what it means?"

"Shalom" means peace.

Are YOU on the Bull's-Eye?
See p. 2.

The man who refuses to be saved

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SIRS: All my life the anti-Semites of the world have been saving me from "Russian anti-Semitism."

In the '20's, when Trotzky (a Jew) was booted out of Russia, it was because of "Russian anti-Semitism." In the trials of the '30's (some of the convicted were Jews) there again was "Russian anti-Semitism." Why the anti-Semitic Russia" of the '20's would place Jews in high positions in the '30's (those convicted) was never explained.

When the world's greatest military striking force (of that time: the Nazis) attacked the Soviet Union, the latter, at tremendous risk to her own national security, evacuated two million Jews, under top priority, to ultimate safety and survival. Why the "anti-Semitic Russia" of the '20's and '30's would save two million Jews in the '40's was never explained.

Last October three Jews—Kaganovitch, Mekhlis, Rayzer—were elected to the central committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union at the 19th Congress. In the U.S., in Eisenhower's cabinet there are no Jews; under F.D.R. (the heyday of liberalism) there was one: Morgenthau. Since the Civil War there has been one Jew in the Senate: Lehman.

A few years back, when "democratic" England was putting Jews in concentration camps on Crete and arming Arabs to kill Jews, and when "democratic" U.S. refused to sell Israel arms to defend itself, Soviet-allied Czechoslovakia sold arms to Israel to prevent Israel's overthrow.

Recently, when Czechoslovakia prevented a plot for its overthrow by a group containing a number of Jews, this was "Soviet-type anti-Semitism."

Strange, too, that the "anti-Semitic Russia" of the '20's, '30's and '40's should be among the first to recognize fledgling Israel in the '50's.

Only recently, when Rumania's Ana Pauker (a Jew) was deposed, the conditioned-reflex, the bought-and-paid-for hue and cry was: "Soviet-type anti-Semitism." What kind of anti-Semitism is it that her successor was Bugitch, a Jew?

Also strange that every one of the so-called victims of "Russian anti-Semitism" was roundly denounced as a red up to the day of his arrest, then—biff! bam!—he is transported into pure, sweet heroism.

All my life the anti-Semites of the world have been saving me from "Russian anti-Semitism."

Abraham Isaacs

Vito Marcantonio asks America to speak for 22,000 dead in Korea

When President Truman without consulting Congress took the U.S. into war in Korea, ALP's Vito Marcantonio raised the one opposing voice in Congress. Now again, as war with China threatens more ominously, Marcantonio in a telecast over WABD-TV again spoke up for peace:

I DO not believe I am overstating the case when I say that millions of Americans were swayed to vote for Eisenhower because they believed he represented an alternative to the Truman policy of catastrophe and war in Korea; because he represented a program of peace in Korea. Surely candidate Eisenhower never informed the American people that by "an early and honorable end" he meant an extension of the Korean War and its expansion into China. And certainly no Republican spokesman in the last campaign ever said, as it was asserted recently by leading Republicans in Congress, that the Chinese coast be blockaded, that Manchuria be bombed and that an all-out offensive be launched in Korea. . . . This means war with China. . . .

Can we win such a war? Remember we will be at war with 475 million people of China. Where do you think the 300 million people of India stand? Their leading papers call Eisenhower's proposal "mid-winter madness," "making peace with a gun."

British official spokesmen have declared their opposition to a blockade. The people of Europe, to put it mildly, are apprehensive; they do not want a war with China. No amount of bullying and no threat of withdrawing any economic or military assistance will make it popular with them.

I REFUSE to believe that Americans will have any truck with such talk as "let's get it over with and drop the bomb"; of bombing Manchuria; of going in for an all-out war—because it is not in keeping with a decent respect for the opinions of mankind which is traditional with all Americans, nor with the best standards of American civilization. What is more, such action will not bring an end, but will only prolong the war for many years—a war we cannot win.

As for dropping the A-bomb, let us bear in mind that the bomb can travel westward as well as it can travel east. . . . And for what?

Abraham Lincoln, whose patriotism and humanitarianism will outlive both space and time, opposed war. He opposed the Mexican War of 1846 because he believed it to be unjust. He did not hesitate to stand up and oppose it. When criticized by his law partner for his vote in opposition to this war, he wrote him: "That vote affirms that the war was unnecessarily and unconstitutionally commenced by the President; and I would stake my life that if you had been in my place you would have voted as I did. Would you have voted what you felt and knew to be a lie?"

Now is the time for the countrymen for whom Lincoln died to talk up against this unnecessary and unconstitutional war.

Already over 22,000 Americans have died in Korea. We are told they are dead and cannot speak. I know they can speak. They can speak through the living. I have faith in the American people through whom the honored and revered dead will speak for peace.

Lawyers Guild, in militant mood, defies hysteria and closes ranks to fight back

TWO hundred delegates to the Natl. Lawyers Guild convention Feb. 21-22 in New York, representing thousands of progressive U.S. lawyers, looked at the picture of American justice and the "people's domain of civil liberties"—now suffering a "full-scale invasion" in which powerful lawyers' groups are aiding—and found it grim.

The NLG natl. committee's Report on Civil Rights and Liberties traced the dry-rot from the first "firmly-held beach-head of repression", the Dies Committee, through the Truman "loyalty" order and the Atty. Gen.'s "subversive list," to:

- Imposition on dissenters of "economic and other sanctions" by those who control industry, entertainment, education, the medical and legal professions, trade unions, mass communication media, through "legislative inquisitions and blacklists";
- The McCarran Internal Security Act requiring registration of "Communist" organizations, denial of passports, "emergency" concentration camps, followed by the Walter-MacCarran Act to deport and erect a wall against political nonconformists;
- Extension of Smith Act arrests, next series of which may involve thousands of victims;
- Spread of legislative investigations to new committees and individual legislators; investigation of teachers, UN employes, and of union officials who signed Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits with the aim of perjury prosecutions; prosecution, disbarment of lawyers defending civil liberties cases;
- Readying of concentration camps for occupants; American Bar Assn. disqualifying of lawyers or candidates "suspected" of Marxist views;
- Continued Southern fostering of race discrimination and undermining of civil liberties;
- In consequence, gradual disappearance of protest, even of discussion of "controversial" ideas, in an atmosphere where heresy must not only be denied but the burning of heretics advocated.

"WE SHOULD NOT BE MOVED": But the lawyers were in fighting mood. Said Negro Judge Hubert T. Delany of N. Y. C.'s Domestic Relations Court:

". . . Lawyers should not be moved by hysteria or misled by slogans into surrendering these great privileges —which are not theirs to surrender. Their responsibilities to our institutions and to their clients and to the public as a whole must lead them to a firm stand against all infringements of constitutional rights."

Said Jesse W. Carter of the Calif. Supreme Court:

". . . We need to put up a united front, looking toward our Constitution as the cohesive factor it was intended to be. . . . So long as we have groups of persons who will fight as our forefathers fought, that the freedoms enumerated in the Bill of Rights shall remain inviolate; whatever the penalties and stigma attached thereto we shall not lose, but shall go . . . toward that America which our forefathers envisioned."

"GET BACK TO LOYALTY": Retired Judge Delbert E. Metzger, U.S. Dist. Court, Hawaii, receiving at the convention the Franklin D. Roosevelt Award for "outstanding contributions to the ideals" of FDR, said:

". . . America, to perpetuate the grandeur and glory of a democratic republic, must get back to loyalty and due regard to the inherent rights of its citizens—the right to criticize governmental activities, to read books or any other writings and to listen to any speaker, bargain freely—and to think and live as intelligent and free men enjoying all rights intended by our Constitution, putting democracy into practice in our own country first, before worrying so much about reforming the political ideas of . . . foreign nations."

FIGHTING BACK: The action program implied in resolutions adopted shaped up to:

- Condemning the "continued attack on the intellectual freedom of pupils and teachers";
- Requesting housing authorities "to eliminate the test oath"; demanding "repeal of the Gwinn Amendment and abrogation of the loyalty program applied to government employes";
- Opposing "all attempts to limit or narrow the privilege against self-incrimination, and all attempts to punish by economic or legal sanctions those who exercise this privilege in relation to inquiries concerning opinion or association, as improper interference with the exercise of a Constitutional right";
- Pledging "continued opposition to all loyalty oath proposals . . . for lawyers and for applicants seeking admission to the Bar and a continued endeavor to encourage all members of the Bar and Bar associations to join in this opposition";
- Calling upon members of the Bar "to oppose with vigor any attacks . . . made on the right of advocacy by attacking lawyers who undertake defense of clients holding unorthodox political views."

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Both died last month — Thomas in Hawaii, LaFollette a suicide in Washington.

The LaFollette Committee prepared the way for the CIO's organization of mass-production industry with its four-year (1936-40) investigation and documentation of methods used by corporations to prevent union organization: the network of labor spies, strikebreaking thugs, use of corrupt police, tear-gas and bombs. Herman Weckler, head of Chrysler, admitted to the Committee: "We used [labor spies' reports] as the background on which we built our whole structure."

THE OLD AND THE NEW: By 1953 the whole government rests on the same structure: the spy and informer have become heroes, the men who bought their services like General Motors' Wilson run the government. Wilson spent a million dollars 1934-36 for spies and industrial munitions for GM. Today he presides over the $60-billion munitions racket in Washington.

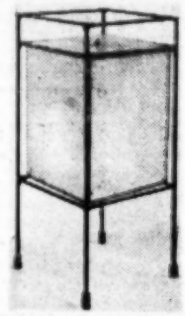
ROBT. LaFOLLETTE JR.
The tide goes on

LaFollette exposed private police systems in Kentucky's Harlan County, in Youngstown, in Canton, focused national anger on police brutality in the Chicago Memorial Day Massacre. Today the federal police extend their operations into every shop, mine, ship and school. The NAM, whose anti-democratic propaganda LaFollette disclosed, now dictates the climate of opinion for press, radio, TV, stage and screen. LaFollette uncovered the Rockefeller-sponsored secret Special Conference Committee, the top corporation executives, who set the pattern for labor relations. The same corporation officials now attempt to set a world pattern.

THE FIGHT GOES ON: Thomas and LaFollette taught a whole generation and helped them fight. But LaFollette—hard-working, practical, with an eye always on facts—had no ear for history, never learned the lessons he taught others. Eventually succumbing to the very "red menace" fraud he had exposed, in 1946 he lost in the Republican primary to the more efficient charlatan McCarthy. He died a director of Sears, Roebuck and United Fruit.

Before his committee came not only the labor spies and their bosses but miners hounded by Harlan County coal cops, "foreign" organizers from Youngstown, starved farm workers from California, a blind steel worker from Chicago, a Mexican-American woman who stood up to that city's murderous police, and auto workers torn by suspicion, driven underground by GM's "super spy system" but valiantly fighting to organize.

LaFollette never quite felt in his bones what he himself wrote in 1937 about the fight to organize the auto workers in Flint, Michigan: "The tides of organization could not be stayed." Last week, as McCarthyism rode to new triumphs, he put a bullet through his head. But the tide still could not be stayed.



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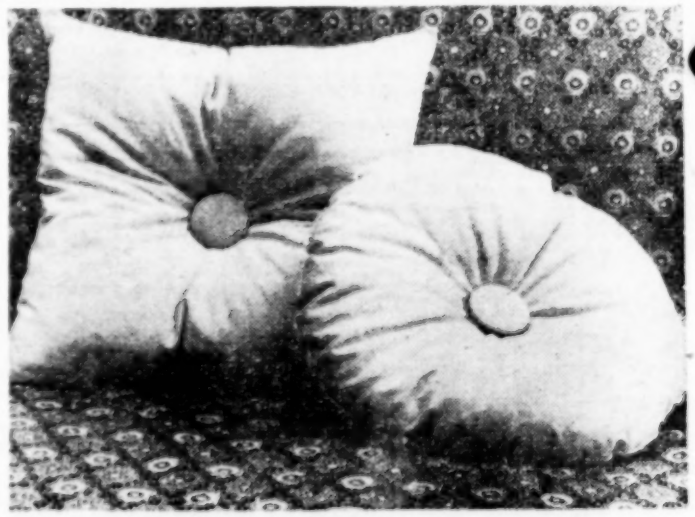

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